Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, More than 46 million Americans of all ages experience the pain and fatigue of arthritis and related conditions; and,

Whereas, 300,000 American children have arthritis; and,

Whereas, In South Dakota, over 160,000 people have arthritis, many of them children; and,

Whereas, The Arthritis Foundation North Central Chapter offers help and hope to individuals affected by this devastating disease; and,

Whereas, The week of March 9-15, 2008, is a focused effort by the Arthritis Foundation to increase awareness about the effects of arthritis on children and to offer greater information about the resources available to help families cope with raising a child with arthritis:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 9-15, 2008, as

JUVENILE ARTHRITIS AWARENESS WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State